nutrition security of livestock and livelihoods. The Report also covers rehabilitation and alleviation of fishermen and farm families from distress due to TSUNAMI, empowerment of community based organizations and Panchayati Raj institutions and administrative initiatives like creation of a Gram Panchayat Mahila Fund for women.

The Second Interim Report of the Commission submitted recently to the Government *inter-alia* deals with food for all, fish for all, enhancing productivity, profitability, stability and sustainability of hill and arid agro ecosystems, coastal zone agriculture, mission for the prosperity of sugarcane farmers, conservation, cultivation and marketing of medicinal plants, organic farming, bio-fuels and agricultural markets reforms.

Fisheries and aquaculture losses due to Tsunami

1825. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the FAO has assessed the Tsunami losses to fisheries and aquaculture;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the FAO had suggested any long-term strategy to deal with the crises in future; and

(d) if so, the details of budget to be allocated for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) A joint assessment team of Asian Development Bank (ADB), United Nations System and the World Bank assessed the impact of Tsunami.

(b) to (d) As per assessment of the team, over 5000 mechanized boats, 8000 Ferro Reinforced Plastic (FRP) boats, 25000 boats of other categories and 35000 wooden catamarans were damaged. In addition, over 2340 outboard motors were lost due to Tsunami. Tsunami has also damaged the fish landing sites, affected shrimp culture and small-scale aquaculture. However, FAO has not suggested any specific strategy to deal with the crisis in future as such.